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ATTENTION: Provider and Billing Professionals

FROM: South Dakota Medicaid

RE: HHS Medicaid Provider Relief Fund – Eligible Providers and Extended

Application Deadline

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has announced their intent to distribute approximately \$15 billion to eligible providers that participate in state Medicaid and CHIP programs and have not received a payment from the Provider Relief Fund General Allocation.

South Dakota Medicaid encourages providers to submit an application for these funds. As of July 15th only 27 of South Dakota's 1,017 Medicaid providers had applied for funds. There is still time for providers to apply for Provider Relief Funds, HHS has extended the deadline to apply from August 3, 2020 to **August 28, 2020**.

Provider Relief Funds will flow directly from the federal government to providers; neither South Dakota Medicaid nor the State of South Dakota are involved in the calculation or the distribution of the payments. South Dakota Medicaid encourages providers who have not received payments from previous relief distributions or who have questions about the Provider Relief Funds to review the
HHS website">HHS website for information on provider actions needed to receive a payment.